

REMARKS

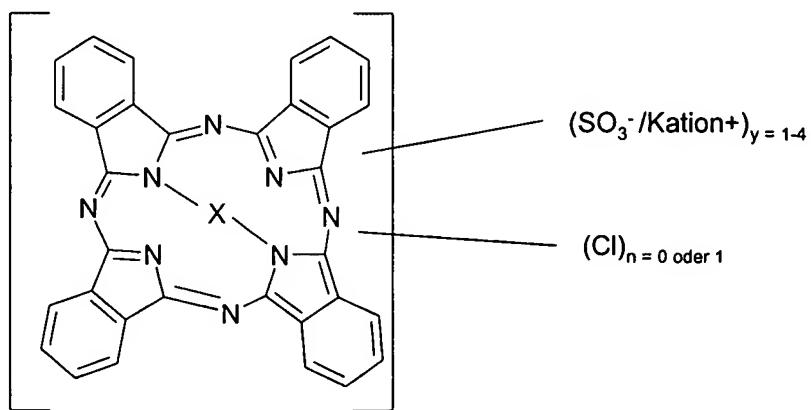
Claims 1-9, 14, 16, 20, 22, 24, 25, 28, 30, 31, 33, 35 and 40-43 are the only claims pending in this application.

Restriction Requirement

Claims 1-9, 14, 16, 20, 22, 24, 25, 28, 30, 31, 33, 35 and 40-43 are subject to restriction as set forth in the Office Action. Responsive thereto the election of Group 1, wherein the phthalocyanine has the general formula (1a), corresponding to claims 1-4, 9, 14, 16, 20, 22, 24, 25, 28, 30, 31, 33, 35 and 40-43, drawn to granulate formulations comprising compounds of formula (1a) is affirmed. As an individual compound, the zinc phthalocyanine compound corresponding to CAS-No. 303030-95-7, shown below and described in Instant Example 12, is elected.

(CAS-No. 303030-95-7) wherein

X = Zn



The Applicants respectfully await consideration of the present claims on their merits. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

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